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### Search Results -

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Database:

US Pre-Grant Publication Full-Text Database  
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 EPO Abstracts Database  
 JPO Abstracts Database  
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Search:

(spot or cash) near3 market

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### Search History

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DB=EPAB,JPAB,DWPI,TDBD; PLUR=YES; OP=OR

<u>L3</u>	L1 and L2	0	<u>L3</u>
<u>L2</u>	(spot or cash) near3 market	60	<u>L2</u>
<u>L1</u>	safety near3 stock	175	<u>L1</u>

END OF SEARCH HISTORY



# STIC Search Report

## EIC 3600

STIC Database Tracking Number: 171851

TO: Examiner Michael Cuff  
Location: 5D29  
Art Unit: 3627  
Wednesday, November 23, 2005  
Case Serial Number: 09/608057

From: Ginger Roberts DeMille  
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### Search Notes

Dear Examiner Cuff:

Please find attached the results of your search for 09/608057.

The search was conducted using the mandatory database lists for Business Methods.

These other sources were also used: Internet

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for using EIC3600!

Ginger

*Considered all articles  
especially the tagged  
ones. MC - 4/14/07*



**STIC EIC 3600**  
**Search Request Form**

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Today's Date:

11/10/05

Class/Subclass

705/28

What date would you like to use to limit the search?

Priority Date: 6/30/2000

Other:

Name Michael Cuff

AU 3627 Examiner # 74494

Room # KNX-5D29 Phone 2-6778

Serial # 09/608,057

Format for Search Results (Circle One):

☒ PAPER

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Where have you searched so far?

☒ USP

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☐ JPO

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☐ IBM

☐ TDB

☐ IEEE

☐ INSPEC

☐ SPI

☐ Other

Is this a "Fast & Focused" Search Request? (Circle One) YES ☒ NO

A "Fast & Focused" Search is completed in 2-3 hours (maximum). The search must be on a very specific topic and meet certain criteria. The criteria are posted in EIC3600 and on the EIC3600 NPL Web Page at

<http://ptoweb/patents/stic/stic-tc3600.htm>. Full business methods template search, please

What is the topic, novelty, motivation, utility, or other specific details defining the desired focus of this search? Please include the concepts, synonyms, keywords, acronyms, definitions, strategies, and anything else that helps to describe the topic. Please attach a copy of the abstract, background, brief summary, pertinent claims and any citations of relevant art you have found.

Claim 1 - main feature, using spot market product cost to determine/compute a safety stock level.

A spot market is a market of immediately available items, (no lead time and no storage cost, but high risk)

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# STIC Search Results Feedback Form

**EIC 3600**

Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact *the EIC searcher* or contact:

**Karen Lehman, EIC 3600 Team Leader**  
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## Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup:  Example: 3620 (optional)

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature  
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

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